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## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

## LISTING OF CLAIMS:

(canceled).

- 2. (canceled).
- (canceled).
- 4. (currently amended): A radial spherical crystallization product obtained by emitting a mixture of carbon dioxide and ethanol and a solution comprising a sample component into a crystallization vessel through different flow channels to cause them to come in contact with each other as they are emitted into the crystallization vessel, wherein the sample component is a drug carrier, wherein the radical spherical crystallization product has a spherical shell with thorns projecting from said spherical shell, and wherein
  - (i) the flow rate of ethanol is 1/4 of the flow rate of carbon dioxide,
- $\label{eq:component} \mbox{(ii)} \qquad \mbox{the mixture of carbon dioxide and ethanol is a poor solvent for the sample} \\ \mbox{component, and}$
- (iii) a nozzle used to emit the mixture of carbon dioxide and ethanol, and the solution comprising the sample component is a v-shaped nozzle.
  - (canceled).
  - (canceled).
  - (canceled).
- (previously presented): The radial spherical crystallization product according to claim 4, wherein the drug carrier is a sugar or sugar alcohol.

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(canceled).

(canceled).

11. (canceled).

(canceled).

13. (withdrawn/currently amended): A method for manufacturing a radial

spherical crystallization product comprising injecting a mixture of carbon dioxide and ethanol

and a solution comprising a sample component into a crystallization vessel through different

flow channels to cause them to come in contact with each other as they are emitted into the crystallization vessel, wherein the sample component is a drug carrier, wherein the radical

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shell, and wherein

(i) the flow rate of ethanol is 1/4 of the flow rate of carbon dioxide,

(ii) the mixture of carbon dioxide and ethanol is a poor solvent for the sample

component, and

(iii) a nozzle used to emit the mixture of carbon dioxide and ethanol, and the solution

comprising the sample component is a v-shaped nozzle.

14. (canceled).

15. (canceled).

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17. (withdrawn): The method for manufacturing a radial spherical crystallization

product according to claim 13, wherein the drug carrier is a sugar or sugar alcohol.

(canceled).

19. (canceled).

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20. (previously presented): A dry powder inhaler comprising the radial spherical crystallization product according to claim 4 or claim 8, mixed with a pharmaceutical drug.

- 21. (previously presented): A dry powder inhaler comprising the radial spherical crystallization product according to claim 4 or 8.
- $22. \quad \hbox{(previously presented):} \qquad A \ mixture \ of the \ radial \ spherical \ crystallization$  product of claim 4 or 8 and a pharmaceutical drug.